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REMARKS

Pursuant to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects Invention Group II (Claims 12-22) for substantive examination and cancels Claims 1-11 and 23-51. The Applicant also hereby elects cellulose ether (Claim 17) as the species for viscosity enhancing agent and withdraws Claim 20 from consideration.

Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for examination on the merits and requests the prompt examination of the same. Should there be any impediment to the prompt examination of this application that could be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the number shown below.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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